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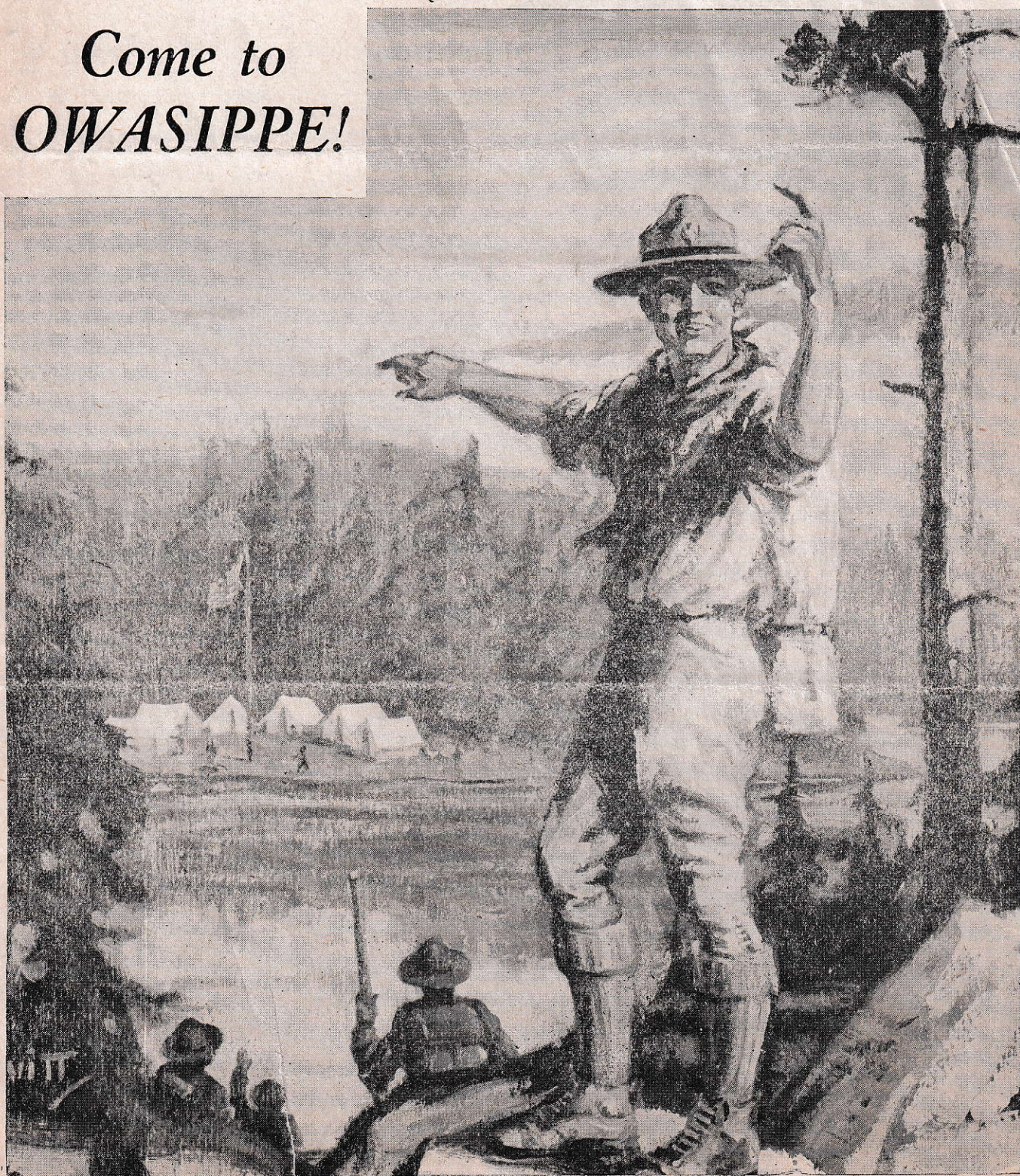
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Come to  
**OWASIPPE!**





# HOLD A PLACE FOR ME!

at the

## OWASIPPE SCOUT CAMPS

Season 1929

### Camp Application

Name.....

Address.....

Troop.....

#### CAMP

Beard ☐  
Blackhawk ☐  
Checaugau ☐  
McDonald ☐  
West ☐  
Belknap ☐

#### I WANT TO STAY THE FOLLOWING PERIODS:

(Check in proper squares)

1st Period—July 8th to 20th  
☐ With my home troop under troop leadership  
☐ As an individual under leadership provided by the camp

3rd Period—August 5th to August 17th  
☐ With my home troop  
☐ As an individual

2nd Period—July 22nd to August 3rd  
☐ With my home troop  
☐ As an individual

4th Period—August 19th to August 31st  
☐ With my home troop  
☐ As an individual

#### STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE!

Attached is..... Dollars, being one dollar reservation fee for each period. I understand that application fee may be refused if camp is filled to capacity. Make checks payable to the Owasispe Scout Camps.

.....  
Parent's Approval

.....  
Scoutmaster's Approval

**GIVE THIS TO YOUR SCOUTMASTER** if your troop is coming to camp. He will send or bring it to Headquarters.

**IF YOUR TROOP IS NOT COMING TO CAMP** as a group, either send it through your Scoutmaster, or bring it in yourself to the Activities Department, Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America, 37 S. Wabash Avenue.

#### BALANCE OF FEE

Balance of fee must be paid at Headquarters at least three days prior to beginning of period. No fees will be accepted at the train.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be purchased at rate of \$3.50 for one round trip at Headquarters at time of final payment of fee.

#### RETURN OF FEES

Under no circumstances will the reservation fee be returnable. No rebate will be made for unused portions of transportation.

Since a place is reserved for every applicant who arrives in camp, and the camp management makes preparations for a definite stay, refund of fees cannot be made. Changes in periods or cancellations of registrations must be made at least one week in advance of period reserved.

#### TROOP ATTENDANCE

In order to get the advantage of the troop rate the troop must have at least eight Scouts and a leader in camp for the same period.



# Come to Owasippe!

Right now, Scout, stop and count on your calendar how many days it is 'till camp opens. You didn't realize how short the time was, did you?

And believe me, Scout, no matter how "Grand and Glorious" previous camping seasons have been, there never has been one so full of promise of good times as this one that is just a few days off.

Of course you have gone over the camp booklet. You have read every word and looked longingly at every picture. Maybe you recognized some of the fellows you know. Anyway, it sounded fine and the pictures seemed to indicate the gang were having a glorious time, didn't they. And believe you me, Scout, they were having a good time. I know, because I was present when most of those pictures were taken.

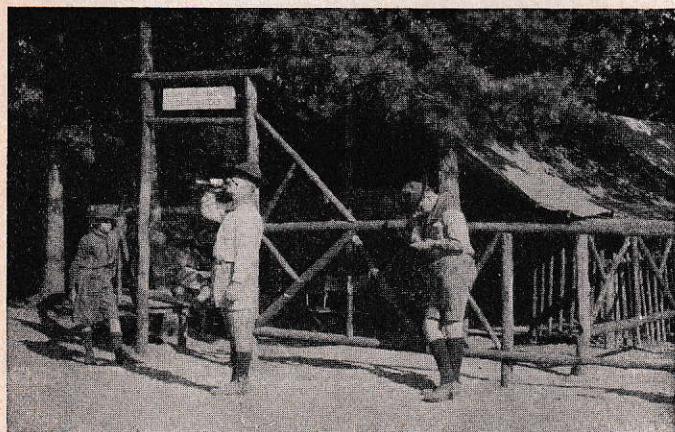


A Scout in his wilderness home

of you. Remember you've made up your mind you ARE going!

And just another word; take the rest of your patrol with you. You will have a glorious time alone but if you have your own patrol buddies your camp experience will be the finest ever. If your Scoutmaster has been wavering as to whether or not to go he will not hesitate longer when you fellows make up your minds that you ARE going.

Get your camp booklet out. Read it over; look at the pictures; imagine yourself in similar situations. Think of the swims, the eats, the hikes, the fun, the campfires. Close your eyes and create in your mind a mental motion picture of yourself and your buddies and the glorious



First Call! Come to Camp!

But how are you going to get there, that is the question. For some of you perhaps that question is answered easily. Some of you are going to have a tough time making the grade in one way or another. Anyway, there is one thing to do first and that is to make up your mind that you ARE going! That's more than half the battle, Scout.

Strangely enough we get most of the things we really want. We get the things that we really want because we just about move the earth to get them. Think back in your experiences and see if that isn't so. Well, then, once your mind is made up and half the battle won, set about completing your job.

Perhaps the folks can't see it your way. Get your Scoutmaster to come over and talk with them. Cook up a lot of excellent reasons why you should go and together present your case. It works, old Scout; I know because that is the way I got to camp the first season I ever went.

Maybe that camp fee is pretty stiff for you. Offer to earn half of it and get the folks to make up the other half. Divided that way it won't seem so hard on either



Watermelons!

times you will have and then having made up your mind that you ARE going to camp rush out and tell everyone you meet of your decision. The rest will be easy once you have made up your mind.

Come On To Owasippe! AND HOW!



## YOUR TROOP MUSEUM.

By UNCLE RUF.

Suppose every Scout in your troop was required, every six months, to contribute something for a permanent exhibit. Do you realize that, in a short time, you would have a real museum; one that would be, in itself, both interesting and instructive. Here is a chance for some of you Patrol Leaders to start something.

Take samples of wood for instance. Every scout that tries for Forestry Merit Badge must collect specimens of various woods to submit to the examiner. Wouldn't it be a good idea if he would prepare at least one or two that could, later, be turned over to the troop museum.

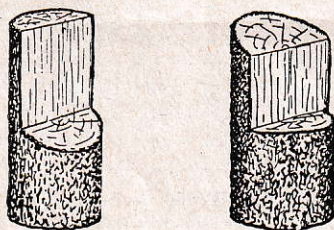


Fig. 1.

These specimens are best prepared as shown in the sketch, Fig. 1, and must be cut from pieces with the bark on. Each piece should be about 4 inches in diam. and either the upper or lower cross-cut should be sloped or beveled as shown. The whole specimen will be 7 or 8 inches long. Place a sticker on the bottom with the Scouts name on it. This enables the younger fellows to use their own specimens for merit-badge work later.

A collection of seed can be made very attractive and if properly named will be a big help in instruction periods. It isn't necessary to accumulate a lot of seeds in order to start a collection if you follow the method shown in the sketch Fig 2.

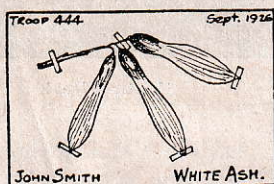


Fig. 2.

Mount each seed specimen on a separate card. Flat seeds like the *Ailanthus*, the *Ash*, and the *Maple* may be fastened with little

stickers, as shown, while the *Acorns*, *Horse-chestnuts*, etc. are better secured with glue or a bit of wire. This is work that even the tender-foot can do, and will come in handy for him later.

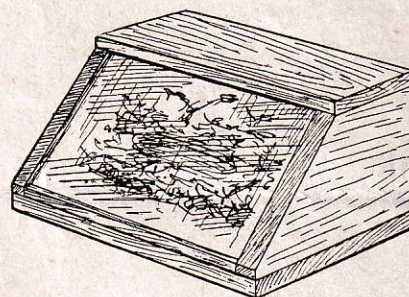


Fig. 3.

Here we have a box with a glass front. Such a box is easy to make and may be used for a number of things. They are especially suitable for bird-nests. Anything that should be protected from handling may be displayed in such a box. The size should be determined by the exhibit. 4 inches deep, 6 inches long, and 4 inches high, inside measurements, is a good size for ordinary nests. Make a nest box, paint it white inside, and it will pass your handicraft test every time.

Models of lean-tos and shelters, constructed of twigs, miniature fire lays, and trail signs all make good museum exhibits. If you are interested in Indian lore make a tomahawk (Fig. 4.) or spin some thread from the dog-bane or Indian hemp, or weave a mat or a basket from grass or cat-tail leaves.



Fig. 4.

Necklaces may be made by stringing *Acorns*, *Horse Chestnuts*, *Hickory Nuts*, or *Cherry-stones*. Make whistles of *Elder* or *Ailanthus* shoots, or knives of dried rib bones, or a spoon from a piece of dog-wood or a cup from a coconut shell. Even a candle holder made from an old tin can is a useful and interesting exhibit if properly and carefully done.

These are merely suggestions. You will find an unlimited number of things that you may do that will make your troop museum one of your most cherished possessions. How about an inter-patrol contest to see who can contribute the best exhibit before Christmas?



# Tribune-Scout Canoe Trip

By Bob Becker

The beautiful Muskegon river of Michigan will hear the swish of paddles, the shouts of Chicago Boy Scouts and the crackle of campfires, this summer because the Chicago Tribune-Boy Scout canoe cruise is going to be staged on this river.

If you like camping, exploring via the canoe, swimming, whoopee hours around a campfire, fishing and all the other fun that goes with a trip out of doors, here's your chance, you Chicago Scouts. Between 20 and 25 Scouts, experienced in camping, expert swimmers and able to handle a canoe will be chosen to make this trip in company with several scout leaders and the writer. If you want a real cruise with a dandy bunch of fellows better get your application in at once. We're going to shove off the night of June 29th, going by train to our starting point on the upper Muskegon. We'll finish well down the stream near Lake Michigan. A good coat of tan goes free with the trip!

Boy Scout headquarters will pass on all applications, interview those who want to go and make the selection of those who can make this "down to the sea in ships" expedition. The cost will be nominal. Gold medals will be awarded to every Scout who goes on this trip and acquits

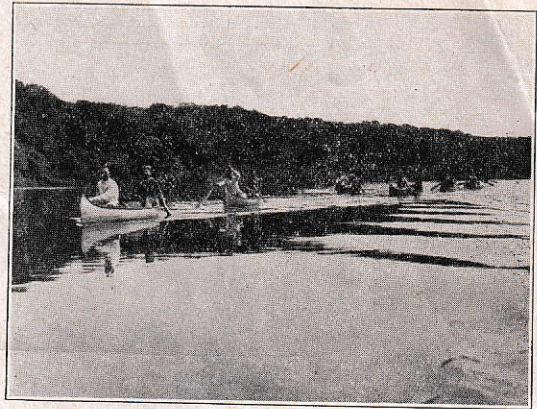


Bob Becker—Famous Camper, Hunter, Fisherman and Canoeist

himself as a real camper and canoe cruiser. If you want to go or desire more information about the cruise get in touch with your Scoutmaster or Scout headquarters.

The Muskegon is a lovely stream. It starts way up in the heart of the state and winds its way through the forest, and past a few small towns before meeting Lake Michigan. I have been in touch with a number of outdoorsmen who know the river and they pronounce it clean, thus making it ideal for swimming and fishing (you get some nice catches of black bass from the Muskegon) and there are a number of dandy springs available so that campsites should be top hole. We'll have 16 foot canoes, a commissary boat to buy the groceries for us, a couple of fellows to do the purchasing and handling of these groceries, and we'll make a new camp every night, weather permitting. I am hoping that on some days we will be able to make short spurts down river so that camps may be made early. By checking in early we can have swimming and canoeing contests and some of us will be able to do a little fishing—perhaps!

Last year our cruise down the Rock was just one continuous party. The weather did its best to soft pedal the enthusiasm of our gang but it couldn't. We started in the rain and camped the first night in the rain but who cared? We rolled merrily on, singing like a bunch of happy Piute Indians and meeting fine bunches of Scouts all the way down the river. Towns along the way threw parties for us and fed us as if we had no food for a week. Talk about fun! We had it.



The 1928 Trippers on Rock River

And nary any trouble all the way down stream. Every canoe was returned in excellent condition, everybody handled his canoe like a veteran. We bucked winds, rain, hot sun and every husky laid to his paddle just like a veteran canoe cruiser. And when we approached a town the startled residents heard the canoe cruise hand them this yell: "Well, so this is Dixon. Hello—(Dixon)—Hello!"

One of the big evenings that we had last year on the canoe cruise was the evening Frank King, the Chicago Tribune cartoonist, who draws Skeezix and Uncle Walt, came down to spend several hours around the camp fire with us. Mr. King found us on the river bank about three miles from the little town of Erie. Boy, did we have a good time that night! First came a chicken dinner given by the Scouts and their mothers in Erie. Judging by the amount of poultry eaten by the hungry gang from Chicago there wasn't a chicken left within ten miles of Erie!

After the dinner we were driven back to our camp ground overlooking the river. We had a dandy spot for



Frank King, Cartoonist, Entertains

our tents and in the afternoon while we were putting them up the Erie band came out to serenade us. Can you beat it? I was trying to write a story on my typewriter during all this concert. Finally I had to go out in the pasture with the livestock in order to get a quiet place to write.

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# The Chicago Public Library is Paying S

The Chicago Public Library has given us a map showing the location of the branches, sub-branches, Senior and Junior High School libraries. These are located here according to the Boy Scout Districts. This material has been prepared for the information and convenience of the Boy Scouts and Scoutleaders of the city of Chicago.

The libraries have co-operated with the Boy Scouts very generously in the past years, and it is our hope that we will be able to be of service to them in the future. They stand ready, always, to help us; in fact, they are anxious to be of assistance to Scouts in the passing of their tests.

In speaking of the High School Libraries, the Chicago Public Library Book Bulletin speaks of them as: "Libraries maintained by the Chicago Public Library in quarters provided and equipped in high schools by the Board of Education. Primarily for the faculty and student body."

In speaking of the Sub-Branches, the Book Bulletin describes them as: "Subsidiary installations attached to and supervised by certain Branch Libraries."

The Chicago Public Library, through Mr. John F. Phelan, has again indicated their willingness to co-operate with the Boy Scouts by furnishing books, on a loan arrangement, for the summer camps.

NOTE: Mr. John F. Phelan, Chief of the Branches of the Chicago Public Library, is the Chairman of the Chicago Council Reading Program Committee, and it is through him and largely due to his efforts that we have been able to offer the map printed here.

Just a word that may help you to obtain the books you wish. Books may be ordered from sub-branches even though they are not on hand and ready for distribution.

## NORTH SHORE DISTRICT

### Branches:

- 42 Rogers Park—1731 Greenleaf Ave.
- 51 Albany Park—3536-38 Lawrence Ave.
- 33 Sheridan—4869-73 Broadway Ave.
- 17 Ravenswood—2010-12 Montrose Ave.
- 4 Portage Park—5148 Irving Park Blvd.
- 32 Independence—3718-20 Irving Park Blvd.
- 44 Broadway—3319-21 Broadway Ave.
- 12 Hamlin Park—Barry and Hoyne Aves.

### Sub-branches:

- 1 Sauganash—4618 Peterson Ave.
- 2 Forest Glen—Lawler and Catalpa Aves.
- 3 Jefferson Park—4820 N. Long Ave.

### Senior high schools:

- 3 Senn High School—5900 N. Glenwood Ave.
- 11 Roosevelt—Kimball and Wilson Aves.
- 4 Lake View—4015 N. Ashland Ave.

### Junior high schools:

- 10 Sullivan Junior H. S.—6620 Greenview Ave.
- 8 Stockton—4420 Beacon St.

## NORTH WEST DISTRICT

### Branches:

- 39 Kosciuszko—2732 N. Avers Ave.
- 13 Logan Square—3248 Fullerton Ave.
- 26 Holstein Park—Oakley and Colvin Aves.
- 43 Northwesttown—1615-17 N. Crawford Ave.
- 24 Humboldt—2553 West North Ave.
- 27 Seward Park—Elm and Orleans Sts.
- 28 Olivet Inst.—Cleveland and Blackhawk Sts.
- 54 Pulaski Park—Blackhawk and Noble Sts.
- 14 Eckhart Park—Chicago Ave. and Noble St.

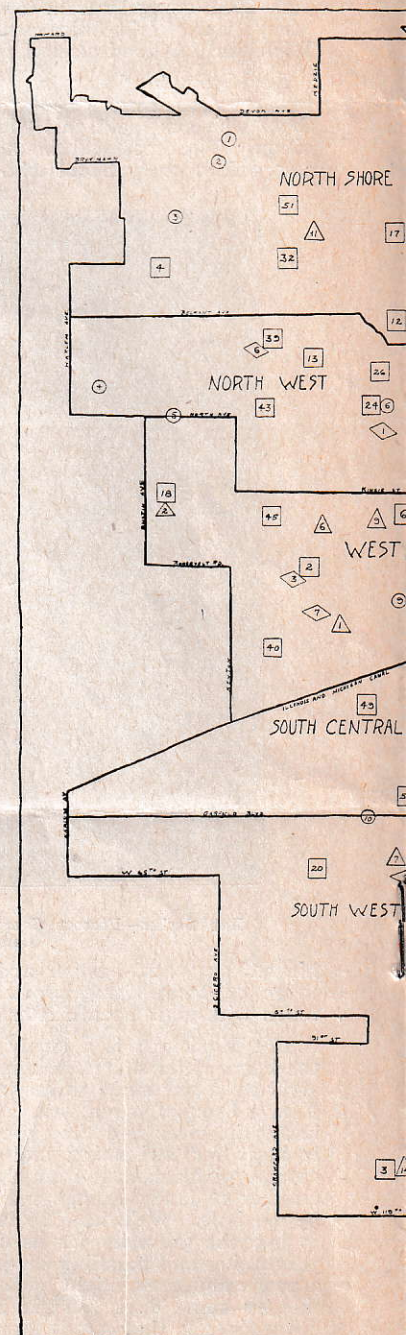
### Sub-branches:

- 4 Mont Clare—2150 N. Newland Ave.
- 5 North Austin—5518 West North Ave.
- 6 Association House—2150 West North Ave.
- 7 Chicago Commons—947 West Grand Ave.

### Junior High Schools:

- 6 Kelvyn—4343 Wrightwood Ave.
- 1 Sabin—2216 Hirsch St.

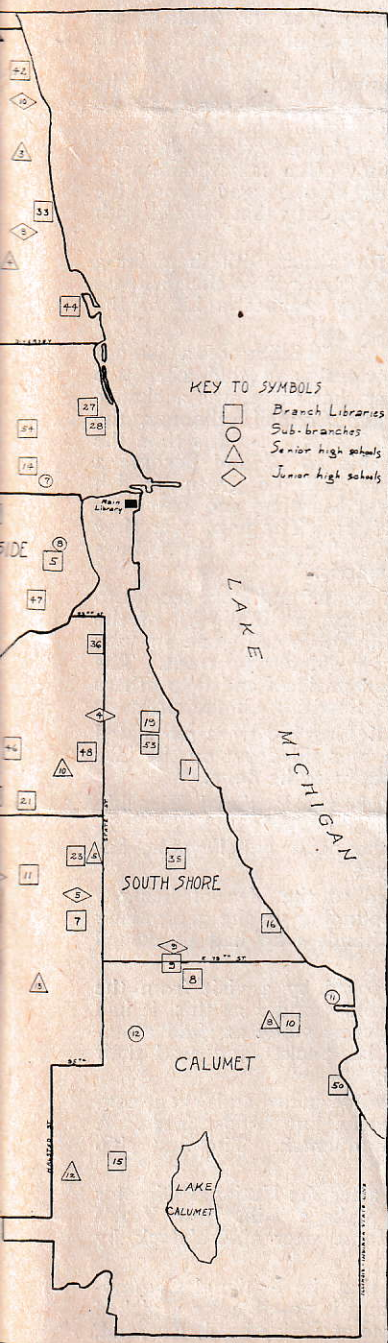
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hand a fine selection  
pecially selected  
reading. Locate your  
library on





# Special Attention to Scout Book Needs

Each library has on  
a collection of books es-  
pecially for your summer  
reading. Find your nearest branch  
on this Map.



## WEST SIDE DISTRICT

### Branches:

- 18 Austin—5644 West Lake St.
- 45 Legler—115 S. Crawford Ave.
- 6 Lewis Inst.—1945 West Madison St.
- 2 Douglas—1212 S. St. Louis Ave.
- 5 Roosevelt—943 West Roosevelt Rd.
- 47 Dvorak Park—Cullerton and Fiske Sts.
- 40 Toman—South 27th and Crawford Ave.

### Sub-branches:

- 8 Hull House—800 South Halsted St.
- 9 Gads Hill—1919 W. Cullerton St.

### Senior high schools:

- 2 Austin High School—200 North Lotus Ave.
- 6 Marshall—3250 West Adams St.
- 9 Crane—2245 Jackson Blvd.
- 1 Harrison—2850 24th St. Blvd.

### Junior high schools:

- 3 Herzl Junior high school—  
Douglas Blvd. and Lawndale Ave.
- 7 Farragut—2336 S. Spaulding Ave.

## SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

### Branches:

- 36 Hardin Square—26th and Wentworth Ave.
- 49 McKinley Park—3805-09 Archer Ave.
- 46 Davis Square—45th and Marshfield Ave.
- 48 Fuller Park—45th Pl. and Princeton Ave.
- 52 Cornell Square—51st and Wood St.
- 21 Sherman Park—53rd and Loomis St.

### Sub-branch:

- 10 Gage Park—55th and Western Ave.

### Senior high school:

- 10 Tilden—4747 Union Ave.

### Junior high school:

- 4 Wendell-Phillips—244 E. Pershing Rd.

## SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

### Branches:

- 23 Kelly—62nd and Normal Blvd.
- 11 Ogden Park—66th and Racine Ave.
- 7 Hamilton Park—72nd and Normal Blvd.
- 3 Walker—111th and Hoyne Ave.
- 20 Chicago Lawn—62nd Pl. and Kedzie Ave.

### Senior high schools:

- 5 Englewood—6201 Stewart Ave.
- 7 Lindblom—62nd and Lincoln Sts.
- 13 Calumet—81st and Carpenter Sts.
- 14 Morgan Park—11043 Hermosa Ave.

### Junior high schools:

- 2 Harper—65th and Wood St.
- 5 Parker—6800 Stewart Ave.

## SOUTH SHORE DISTRICT

### Branches:

- 19 Lincoln Centre—Oakwood and Langley Ave.
- 53 Forestville School—4401 St. Lawrence Ave.
- 1 Blackstone—49th St. and Lake Park Ave.
- 35 Woodlawn—6247 Kimbark Ave.
- 9 Chatham—79th and Maryland Ave.
- 16 South Shore—73rd and Exchange Ave.

### Junior high school:

- 9 Hirsch—77th and Ingleside Ave.

## CALUMET DISTRICT

### Branches:

- 8 Avalon—81st and Dante Ave.
- 10 Bessemer Park—89th and Muskegon Ave.
- 50 Calumet Park—Foot of 98th St.
- 15 Pullman—110th and Indiana Ave.

### Sub-branches:

- 11 South Chicago Neighborhood House—  
8504 Buffalo Ave.
- 12 Tuley Park—90th and St. Lawrence Ave.

### Senior high schools:

- 8 Bowen—8860 Manistee Ave.
- 12 Fenger—112th and Wallace St.



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### 516 ISSUES SWIM CHALLENGE



Here is Scoutmaster Wood and the swimming team of Troop 516. They won the recent South Shore Swimming Meet and they are rarin' to take on any other Scout splashers in town. It would be a shame if some one didn't take them up.

### FIRST AID MEET WINNERS

The Chicago First Aid meet held at Central Y. M. C. A. on May 25th was the keenest in years. Nine teams entered, including one each from Oak Park and Desplaines. The outside teams were among the prime contenders and held their Chicago rivals up to the line all the way.

First place, gold medal, and a year's possession of the coveted shield went to Troop 109, Northwest. Second place and the silver was taken out of town by Desplaines. Third place and the bronze was scooped up by Troop 442, South Central. Again and again the score was tied for first or second place. Many of the spectators did not get the fine points of the contest but they all understood the score board. The suspense was so great that the districts were afraid to cheer for fear of disturbing the status quo, or something.

The outstanding teams all showed the results of patient training, and strangely enough, admitted that they were scared stiff and hopeless of winning against such formidable opponents. Such is life!

Eight

Troop 109 had a chance to show its shield at a Parents' Night on June 10th. They also gave an exhibition of their stuff before a good crowd at Mandel Brothers theatre. It is of interest that Earl Gamborg, the Scoutmaster, is a veteran Scout grown up in the troop, and S. R. Magnusen, former Scoutmaster, has his name on the shield as a member of a champion team of "way back when."

### NATIONAL FLAGSHIP

About five years ago the Scoutmaster of Troop 17, C. P. A. Peterson, was wondering what to do with a half dozen of assorted troop officers who needed promoting. They had outdoor experience to burn as did a number of younger fellows who needed advancement in order to stimulate troop morale. The solution was a Sea Scout patrol, the first of its kind in captivity, according to Mr. T. J. Keane, the National Director.

The main deck was the gymnasium at the Shakespeare Police Station and the ships equipment consisted of an extinct edition of the Sea Scout manual, ten cents worth of cheap hemp line and a disorganized bicycle wheel. The bike wheel was the helm. There was no guiding hand, no genial sea dog to spin yarns or do tricks with a marlinspike. Hope and imagination were the backbone of the ship and the boys imagined so hard that they often came home a bit sea sick. They set up a dummy ship, rigged impossible kinds of gear and went into every activity that offered with all the zest in the world.

The Veteran Ship John Paul Jones met with them for a couple of months and after they got over their sheepishness in the presence of real sailors, they learned a lot of the common sense of boats.

The next step was practical, the building of a 14-foot skiff. It actually floated, did not leak and sold after two seasons use for ten dollars. After that there was a chance to sail on "Nokomis," the Chicago Council schooner, the pride and joy of all Chicago Sea Scouts. By this time the outfit had increased its membership to 18 and become a ship—"Old Ironsides." The boys still did green, foolish things, but they learned and kept learning and presently began to develop into reliable sailors. The next year they had a small sloop of their own and many of the fellows learned to handle her in all her moods.

As the ship raised from third to second and from second to first class, it kept on plugging away in all phases of the game. No job was too tough or dirty, no call came on such short notice that some of the crew did not turn out. The crew was able to work out its own projects and help others and do a little advertising for Sea Scouting on the side.

When applications for Regional Flagship were circulated from National Headquarters, one was filled out on the idea that it was something else that ought to be done.

The news that the ship was chosen Regional Flagship came by telegram into the midst of a Parents' Night Program. The joy was delicious, the news unbelievable, but solid, signed by Commodore Noyes.

It took some time to get used to the idea of being a Flagship. New members came pounding up the gang plank to take the places of some old hands who had weakened and slipped overboard.

One evening the ship was honored by a visit from the National Director. There was mild wonder at this, it had never been done before. As the crew stood at rigid attention he took a blue paper from his pocket and read their appointment as National Flagship.

The crew were stunned. Bewilderment and even consternation was seen in their homely, but honest faces. A pin would have fallen with a loud crash. The first ship in the country!

Well, brethren, what happened after the National Director was piped over the side would make a mild New Year's Eve look like the old Peoples' Home after nine o'clock, by comparison.

And the tough part of it all is that the National Commodore, Howard F. Gillette, is making it possible for a picked crew of ten to attend the Jamboree at Birkenhead, England, at the expense of ten good friends of Scouting.

Ain't that too bad?



## The GREEN-BAR MEN

### An Exchange of Patrol Leadership Ideas

#### RESOLUTIONS OF PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL

(Troop 27, Providence, R. I.)

1. **New Members of a Patrol:** a. The admission of a new boy to the Patrol must be with the approval of the Patrol members. b. If the candidate is accepted by the Patrol he may be recommended to the Troop, by that Patrol. c. New members are to be selected from the waiting list. d. A new member should be able to give the call or cry of the animal chosen as the Patrol emblem and to sign his name with a drawing of the same animal as a totem.

2. **Scout Instruction:** a. The Patrol Leader is responsible for the Scout instruction in his Patrol. b. Members of the Patrol who have passed certain tests may be called upon to instruct in that test. The Patrol Leader may with the permission of other Patrol Leaders, borrow their Scouts for instruction. c. He may, when necessary, call upon the Scoutmaster. d. The above refer to First and Second Class instruction. All Tenderfoot instruction must be done outside of meetings by the one who obtained the recruit.

3. **Patrol Government:** a. The Patrol is run for the greatest good of the eight Scouts. If any Scout violates the rules of the Patrol he may be suspended from the Patrol by the members. b. Final decisions in government lie with the OFFICERS' COUNCIL OR COURT which is made up of the officers of the Troop.

4. **Patrol Specialties:** A Patrol may vote to do some special work. It may be radio, music, wigwagging, etc. They should consult with the Scoutmaster as to the possibilities.

5. **Patrol Records:** The Patrol Leader, if he sees fit, may appoint the Assistant Patrol Leader or some other member as Patrol Scribe. The Patrol Scribe takes attendance and dues and fills in the efficiency chart. He gives all this material to the Troop Scribe directly after the Patrol meeting.

6. **Troop Rules:** Be it resolved that all rules adopted by all Patrols become rules of the Troop.

7. **Home Meetings:** The Patrol may hold weekly home meetings for work in first aid, bandaging, etc. Often times it might be to get ready for the weekly contest. It is desirable to have it understood that "eats" are not to be provided. It would not be fair to your parents.

8. **Patrol Efficiency Records:** The Scoutmaster will furnish blanks for this purpose. The first thing that a Patrol does upon entering for a Troop meeting is to go to its "den" for a business meeting. At this time the Patrol Scribe will fill in the efficiency record.

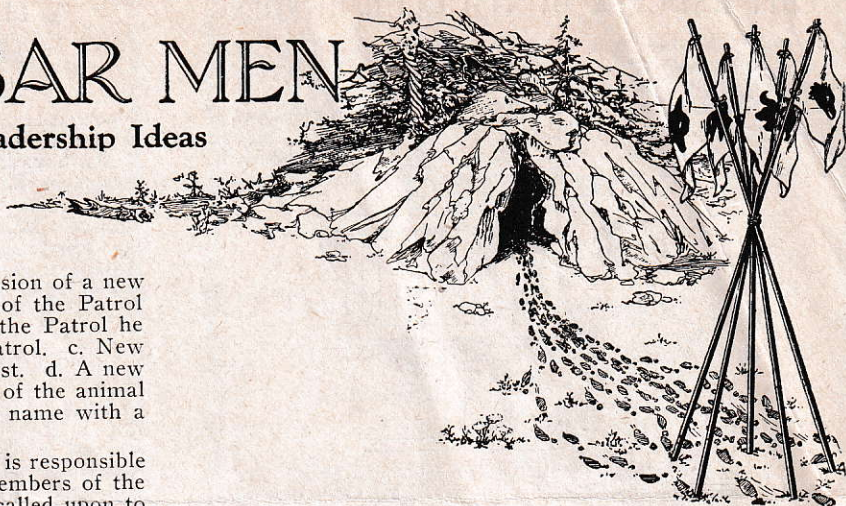
9. **Patrol Hikes** will be arranged with the Scoutmaster.

#### THE PATROL MINIATURE TROOP DISCIPLINE IN THE PATROL

By P. L. Irwin Golden

All good Patrol Leaders should realize that one of the most important factors in maintaining a successful Patrol is the training in discipline which the Patrol Leader instills in the Scouts in his Patrol. The methods suggested to leaders for maintaining discipline in their Patrols are widespread, and diversified. Most Patrol Leaders have read these suggestions in one paper or another.

However, one of the leaders in our Troop recently suggested an entirely new method for obtaining this desirable feature. His plan is simply this. Let the Patrol Leader organize his Patrol into a miniature Troop, making himself Scoutmaster, his A.P.L. the A.S.M. All the other boys in the Patrol would hold various offices, according to their worthiness for filling any particular office. In this way every boy will have specified duties, generally undertaken by a Troop officer, which will train him for future leadership, and also teach him to hold his P.L. almost in the same



light as he holds his S.M. Of course no attempt is made to bring the P.L. up to the technical standards maintained by Scoutmasters, but it does tend to give him, along with the rest of the fellows ideas and experience in performing the various duties required when holding office in the Troop.

This plan can be expanded to a great extent, and we would like to see all the Patrol Leaders put it into effect as soon as possible. If the P.L. has the right kind of stuff in him, we feel that this scheme is infallible, and it has but to be proved.

—Y's Scouter, Troop 97, Phila.

#### KEEPING UP ENTHUSIASM

"I have come up against the lost enthusiasm snag," said a Patrol Leader friend to me, the other day. "One or two of my Patrol have confessed that they have been losing interest in Scouting and in the Troop. What shall I do?"

After some questioning I replied that it was due to monotony of his routine. Week after week he had been conducting his Patrol meeting about as he would a rehearsal.

Without doubt, the lost enthusiasm question is one that every leader has to face at some time or other. Generally speaking, during the first few months as a Scout, the newcomer is bursting with energy and enthusiasm. In many cases this keenness wears off, and the Scout finds things beginning to look very tame.

The Patrol Leader must step in and help him to see that Scouting is a subject of which no one can tire. There are several ways of renewing and maintaining the Scout's interest. Give him special jobs to do outside his Merit Badge work which will make him feel that he is **somebody**; and it will give him a feeling of responsibility.

Then there is Patrol competition. That will help you. If you show the Scout that everything depends on him, whether or not your Patrol comes out on top, it will often help to restore his interest in the Patrol. Ask his opinions on various matters relating to the routine of the Patrol, and then tell him if he has any good suggestions he should put them forward.

In the case of an old-timer losing enthusiasm you might, with the permission of the Scoutmaster, let him take over your job for a couple of evenings, and then show him how he went wrong, if he bungled it.

Whatever you do, though, don't let him think that you believe he has failed, but speak encouragingly of his efforts. Say that the way he did so-and-so was very good, yet if he had done it in another way, (which you will outline), the results might have been more satisfactory to him and perhaps the other Scouts.

This trust that you show in them will make them eager not to disappoint you, and their enthusiasm will not dwindle away.

—The Eagle Trail, Worcester, Mass.  
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## MERIT BADGE A MONTH CLUB READING

So many Scouts have asked for the new Reading Merit Badge requirements we decided to print them in this club's corner.

In this number of Scoutcraft is a map and the locations of all the libraries in Chicago. Get in the habit of using your nearest branch library. You will find the librarian glad to assist you in your book needs for this merit badge.



To obtain a Merit Badge for Reading, a Scout must:

1. Read at least one book a month for a year after becoming a Second Class Scout, including among the twelve books read, three standard works and three on some phase of Scouting. Present a list of books read.
2. Present a book review or tell which books he likes best and why.
3. Describe the character he liked best in his fictional reading.
4. If a library is available, have a membership card, which must be presented.
5. List several books he plans to read in the next twelve months.
6. Tell where he gets his books, and present a list of books which he owns.
7. Name the books which his reading, or speaking about, has encouraged other Scouts to read. Give the names of boys or boy.
8. Be a subscriber and a reader of a boy's magazine for at least the preceding six months.
9. Tell what other magazines he reads and why.
10. Present a short essay on the value of reading.

### TRIBUNE-SCOUT CANOE TRIP—Continued

That evening Frank King and Mrs. King came to our campfire. A rough "caser" had been built for Mr. King so that he could draw pictures for us. Standing in the light of automobile headlights, with a brilliant moon overhead Mr. King drew picture after picture, even sketching some of the Scouts and their leaders. Finally he sketched a flag for each canoe. It was a great night. This year we hope to have John T. McCutcheon, who now is in South America on a trip, spend an evening with us on the Muskegon. He may fly over in the new Tribune plane.

But we found that last year our gang was so congenial and our campfire hours so full of fun (George Driesback will tell you about this) that we really didn't need any visitors to pep us up. We had "vaudeville shows" any evening we wanted them with "home talent" taking the star roles. One or two of the fellows seemed to put on their best acts about five in the morning. They crawled out and boomed the whole camp out of bed with a couple of giant fire-crackers. We went down the Rock just before the Fourth and how some of the Scouts did blast the landscape and waterscape with explosives!

I could tell you a whole lot more about the fun we had last year on our cruise and anticipate the sport we will have this year but you fellows who have camped with a congenial gang know all about the whoopee you can enjoy when you're vagabonding your way down a river, tenting around a campfire, eating good food and seeing new country.

If you want to join our expedition you'd better hustle and get in your application. There are going to be many more applications than can be accepted. The size of this de luxe expedition is limited!

## A THRILLING STORY OF SCOUT HEROISM

A new record of Scout Heroism and the story of a Scoutmaster, James Tarwater Wright, of Rockwood, Tennessee, who gave his own life in an effort to save the lives of the boys in his Troop, are included in the report of conditions in the flood devastated areas of Tennessee and Alabama made to Chief Scout Executive James E. West by Fred C. Mills, Director of Swimming and Water Safety for The Department of Camping of the Boy Scouts of America, who has just returned from a tour of the region. Seven other Rockwood Scouts lost their lives in the floods.

### Supreme Sacrifice

Scoutmaster Wright was drowned in trying to save one young Scout from drowning when White's Creek, outside of Rockwood, overflowed and catapulted a Boy Scout Cabin into a forty foot flood of water. Scoutmaster Wright worked for hours in the water bringing Scouts to safety, and then, when his strength was gone, lost his own life trying to save a young Scout who fell into the swift flood. The flood water rose so suddenly that the cabin of the Rockwood Scouts, 500 feet off the Dixie Highway and on the bank of a stream which hasn't risen to menacing flood proportions in over a century, was submerged and then broken up and carried down the stream. Of the twenty boys and two leaders who were asleep in the cabin when the flood rose and were stranded on the roof until the cabin broke up from the force of the current, seven Scouts and their Scoutmaster lost their lives. The other Scouts were only saved from death through the heroic work of their leaders and the good judgment of their Scoutmaster, who until his death, kept the Scouts from panic and instructed the older Scouts in keeping their younger companions from submerging in the flood. To fifteen year old Scout Jack Hamby, who, despite a badly crushed thigh and a laceration which removed a finger from one of his hands, goes the credit too, for keeping up the morale of the Scouts through the trying hours when they were confined to the breaking-up roof of the cabin and who personally and with the aid of other Scouts dragged several of his younger companions from the water.

### Another Hero

Another hero of the catastrophe was former Scoutmaster Charles Acuff, a member of one of the rescue parties who spent more than five hours in the flood waters to rescue one Scout from drowning. For several hours he waded with an injured boy on his shoulders.

In other parts of the flood area, Scouts did efficient work of relief. At Elba and Geneva, Alabama, Scouts mobilized soon after the floods descended and more than a hundred strong did relief work for the refugees. Scouts of Anniston, Alabama, under the personal direction of Scout Executive Burl Quinn, collected and shipped over 20,000 pieces of clothing to the flood area for the refugees.

The report of Captain Mills shows that in every instance where Scouts were residents of the flooded areas, their work in the rescue of drowning people, in organizing relief activities and in building up the morale of the homeless did much to aid.

## A WORD TO THE WISE—SCOUT!

"I am informed that many Merit Badge Counsellors retain papers, drawings, etc., which boys present in the course of their examinations for certain Merit Badges, such as Painting, Athletics, Farm Buildings, etc. Those boys coming up for Star, Life, or Eagle rank thus find themselves handicapped. Do you think this situation merits a statement from your department?"

The above information reached Headquarters lately.

Scouts, keep all Merit Badge material, and have it ready for exhibiting until you have finished Eagle and Eagle Palm advancement. (After that, retain these materials to show to your own sons when they grow up to be Boy Scouts.)



## Sporting Goods To Scouts At Special Discounts



SCOUT MASTERS and Boy Scouts who are members of the Chicago Council may now purchase at wholesale prices any article of sporting goods carried by one of Chicagos leading and old established houses through a purchase agreement just made with them.

When you wish to buy anything in sporting goods come to Scout Headquarters at 37 So. Wabash Ave. The information clerk will provide you with a purchase order and direct you where to go. All purchases must be made in cash.

### SOME OF THE ARTICLES YOU CAN BUY

Bicycles, Football Equipment, Basketball Equipment, Camping Outfits, Vacuum Bottles, Flashlights, Roller Skates, Ice Skates and Hockey Clubs, Golf Equipment, and many other Sporting Items,

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## HO, SCOUT,—have you got all your Camp Stuff?

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A lot of Scouts are all set with full equipment. Are you one of them? If not, you better come to the Trading Post at once—everything a Boy Scout needs is right in stock and you can be outfitted completely, on the spot.

Here is a list of equipment a Scout will need who is planning for a real Scout Summer.

### ESSENTIALS

3 Woolen Blankets.....	\$4.50 and \$6.50	4 Pair Stockings .....	Wool, pair \$1.35
1 Scout Uniform (Outfit "B").....	9.25		Cotton, pair .50
1 V-neck Shirt and Shorts.....	3.10	1 Scout Knife .....	1.50
1 Extra Shirt .....	2.25	1 Scout Handbook .....	.50
1 Extra Shorts .....	1.60	6 Scout Handkerchiefs .....	Two for .25
1 Poncho.....	\$2.50 and 4.00	1 Lumberjack Shirt .....	4.75
1 Mess Kit .....	2.25	1 Duffle Bag .....	3.50

### DESIRABLES

Compass .....	\$ .50 to \$2.50	Scout Flashlight .....	\$2.00
Field Glasses .....	7.50	Official First Aid Kit.....	.75
Guard Rope .....	.50	Blanket Roll Straps.....	.50
Haversack .....	2.50	Ground Cloth .....	3.00

Sweaters and Raincoats

Scouts who are not going to camp are no doubt planning for week-end camps and hikes. Visit the Trading Post and obtain the advice of the Traders in charge, as to just the sort of Equipment you should choose for the particular activity you have in mind. They will be glad to help you.

### TWO UNIFORM OUTFITS FOR SUMMER

#### Outdoor Service Outfit

- No. 687 Shirt
- No. 688 Shorts
- No. 529 Belt
- No. 528 Stockings
- Neckerchief and Slide
- No. 503 Hat
- Complete Outfit, \$7.70

#### Scout Outfit "B"

- No. 503 Hat
- No. 647 Shirt, heavyweight
- No. 651 Breeches
- No. 528 Stockings, Cotton
- Neckerchief and Slide
- No. 529 Belt
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